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1. A mining installation was located northeast of Pyatigorsk, on the northern or northeastern slope of the Mashuk Mountain. The PW camp [REDACTED] is located at Mashuk, a village about 20 km north of Pyatigorsk (44-02N, 43-05E), between the highway and the railroad running to Mineralnye Vody (44-12N, 43-08E). The Mashuk Mountain was visible to the south of the camp.

2. Source saw cantonment buildings being erected in September and October 1946. From the beginning of the summer of 1947 searchlights were used at night to brightly illuminate the installation.

3. Source became acquainted with a German-speaking Soviet civilian workman [REDACTED]

The Soviet, who was personally employed at the mine for a short period, said that gold, platinum, and uranium ore deposits were found there. He did not know how many men were employed at the mine, but he was sure that three shifts were worked. All ores produced at the mine were trucked to the Pyatigorsk railroad station. 1/

- 1/ [REDACTED] Comment: [REDACTED] also reported that rock with a uranium content was found in April 1948 in a quarry 16 to 18 km northwest of Pyatigorsk, but this information has not been confirmed. The only uranium ore deposits known to exist in the Caucasus area are near Kirovabad-Yelendorf (40-41N, 46-22E). The spas near Pyatigorsk, Mineralnye Vody and Tseletsnye Vody, are known to contain iron and carbonic acid, but are not known to be radioactive. The absence of this radioactivity precludes any possible leads to the presence of uranium deposits in the area.

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